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6 IN THE MATTER OF OWEST CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR ARBITRATION 7 PROCEDURE AND APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS WITH AZCOM PAGING, INC., HANDY PAGE, GLEN CANYON COMMUNICATIONS INC., AND 9 TELE-PAGE, INC., AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(B) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS 10 ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED BY THE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996, AND

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-06-0175 DOCKET NO. T-02556A-06-0175 DOCKET NO. T-03693A-06-0175

THE APPLICABLE STATE LAWS. BY THE COMMISSION:

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On March 17, 2006, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for arbitration and approval of interconnection agreements with AzCom Paging, Inc., Smith Bagley Inc., Handy Page, AnswerPhone Inc., Star Page Inc., Glen Canyon Communications Inc., Nextel West Corp., Western Wireless Corporation, Tele-

Page, Inc., Westsky Wireless, L.L.C. and Pac West Telecomm Inc. (collectively "Carriers").

Pursuant to the Act, the Commission must act on the request within 120 days, in this case, by July 11, 2006¹.

On March 29, 2006, a procedural conference was held as scheduled. The only parties that appeared at the procedural conference were Owest and Handy Page. According to the parties in attendance, Western Wireless Corporation, Smith Bagley, Inc., and Handy Page at that time were in contact with Qwest in order to negotiate or to determine whether an interconnection agreement is possible based on the services provided by the companies in Arizona.

After the procedural conference on March 29, 2006, a second procedural order was issued ordering the non-petitioning parties to file a response in this docket no later than April 11, 2006.

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¹ On May 9, 2006, by procedural order, the timeclock for this matter with regard to HandyPage was extended to September 15, 2006. The timeclock with regard to the remaining parties was extended to July 26, 2006.

On April 11, 2006, Wayne Markis of Handy Page filed a Memorandum of Current Status of Negotiations with Qwest, indicating that negotiations are not proceeding as Handy Page would like. Qwest filed an Amendment to its Application for Arbitration Procedure and approval of Interconnection Agreement, Deleting Pac West Telecomm, Inc., Western Wireless Corporation, Smith Bagley Inc., and Star Page Inc. Qwest stated that Pac West Telecomm Inc. and Western Wireless Corporation represented that they have no Wireless Type 1 service, and no paging service, requiring interconnection with Qwest in the State of Arizona. Qwest stated that Smith Bagley Inc. and Star Page Inc. have signed, or are in the process of signing and returning, interconnection agreements to Qwest, which Qwest will file with the Commission for approval under Section 252 of the Telecom Act.

On April 19, 2006, by procedural order, a procedural conference was scheduled for May 4, 2006. The procedural order also amended the caption as requested by Qwest.

On May 3, 2006, Qwest filed its Second Amendment to its Application requesting that WestSky Wireless, LLC, be amended out of the caption as they have entered into an agreement as the result of negotiations. A May 9, 2006 procedural order amended the caption as requested by Qwest and set forth various filing deadlines and a hearing date in this matter.

On May 9, 2006, Qwest filed its Third Amendment to its Application for Arbitration Procedure and Approval of Interconnection Agreement, Deleting Nextel West Corp. and Answerphone, Inc. A procedural order was issued this same day ordering all parties and the Arizona Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Utilities Division ("Staff") to file position statements by May 25, 2006.

On May 9, 2006, Qwest filed its Third Amendment to its Application for Arbitration.

On May 12, 2006, Qwest filed a Motion to Amend the Procedural Schedule due to a scheduling conflict with one of their witnesses. On May 24, 2006, by Procedural Order, Qwest's request was granted and the hearing was rescheduled for June 19, 2006.

On May 25, 2006, Staff filed a request for modification of the May 9, 2006 Procedural Order requesting additional time to review documents in the matter since Staff had not participated in this proceeding to this point. Staff stated that Qwest has no objection to this request.

On June 1, 2006, by Procedural Order, Staff's request was granted.

On June 6, 2006, Staff filed its position statement.

On June 6, 2006, Handy Page filed a memorandum regarding the current status of negotiations with Qwest.

On June 13, 2006, Qwest filed a response to Handy Page's memorandum.

On June 15, 2006, the procedural conference was held as scheduled. Handy Page and Qwest appeared and discussed the issue of Wide Area Calling, which remains one of the issues to be resolved in their ongoing negotiations. For purposes of the ongoing arbitration between Qwest and Handy Page, the parties agreed that they would docket a statement of legal and factual issues by June 30, 2006. The remaining parties, AZCom Paging, Glen Canyon Communications and Tele-Page did not appear at the procedural conference.

This proceeding has been bifurcated to separately address the arbitration between Qwest and Handy Page and Qwest and the remaining non-petitioning parties. In a previous procedural order, the possibility of initiating a new, separate docket for Handy Page, if deemed necessary, was addressed. At this time, it does not appear necessary to establish a separate docket. The Arbitrator will address each of the bifurcated matters within this docket via separate recommendations, each of which will be presented to the Commission consistent with the timeclocks that were provided for in the May 4, 2006, procedural order (see fn. 1, supra).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Qwest and Handy Page shall each submit a statement of legal and factual issues no later than June 30, 2006.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a **procedural conference** to discuss the status of negotiations between Qwest and Handy Page, and potential hearing dates if necessary, shall be scheduled for **July 10, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.**, at the offices of the Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the costs to transcribe the proceedings shall be borne equally by Qwest and the Carriers participating in each proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rule 33(c) and (d) of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court with respect to practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance
2	with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the
3	Rules of Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes the obligation to
4	appear at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter
5	is scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by
6	the Administrative Law Judge or the Commission.
7	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Arbitrator may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any
8	portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.
9	Dated this day of June, 2006
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